

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A removable medium recording station records medical image data in a format and
removable medium that are widely accepted. The removable medium recording station can be
used to effectively replace an installed storage device on an existing stand-alone medical image
workstation. Storage onto removable media is transformed into an outboard operation. This
transformation enables a hospital to migrate existing medical imaging systems to new formats
10 and media without sacrificing a large portion of their initial investment. Additionally, the
removable medium recording station can be attached as a peripheral on an existing medical
modality network. In this capacity, the removable medium recording station enables an operator
on the medical modality network to store medical images in a selected format and on a selected
type of removable medium regardless of the proprietary format used by the enterprise level
archive server. The removable medium recording station enables a hospital to add new
functionality without sacrificing their investment in their enterprise solution.